

BUMPER • REGGIE • PRAY • ILL: MY DAD, STUFFED ANIMALS — CHIPMUNK STORIES

The "Chipmunk Story" Lesson:

No matter how dark, no matter how scary, we're OK because we are **IN IT TOGETHER** and Dad's **IN CONTROL**.

MATTHEW 6:9 • ROMANS 8:15

Three Central Words for Believers:

**OUR HEAVENLY DAD**

MORE THAN FATHER, DAD • CAN BEAT UP ANY OTHER DAD • WILL ADOPT ANYONE

## Power Together (Ephesians 3:14-21)

### Context...

PAUL, PERSECUTOR, NOW PERSECUTED / ENCYCLICAL / GOSPEL → POWER &amp; UNITY / EPH 2:17-18, 3:6, 3:1

### Ephesians 3:14-21

- Will God answer Paul's prayer? **DEFINITELY!**
- Will God answer it for us? **YES, IF...**  
IF WE ARE IN THE SAME PLACE AS PAUL'S AUDIENCE
- It's yes, if we bear the **FATHER'S NAME**.  
TEMPTED TO WEAR OTHER NAMES AND GIVE OTHER NAMES • ALL OTHER NAMES ARE -MIDDLE- NAMES AT BEST
- It's yes, if we receive the **SPIRIT'S POWER**.  
WE WANT TO CLAIM POWER, TAKE POWER, BUT GOD'S RICHES, THE INDWELLING SPIRIT
- It's yes, if we receive the **PRESENCE** of Christ.  
THE PRESENCE IS CONNECTED TO FAITH • "THE PRESENCE HAS LEFT" ONCE YOU BELIEVE THAT... IT'S TRUE
- It's yes, if we live in the **LOVE** of Christ.  
ROOTED AND ESTABLISHED / POWER TOGETHER / KNOW WHAT SURPASSES KNOWLEDGE?
- It's yes, if we give God **ALL GLORY**.  
WHATEVER WE ARE IS BECAUSE OF HIM

### Take it Home

ONCE AGAIN, OUR CHURCH IS FACING THE DIFFICULTY OF SAYING GOOD-BYE  
ONCE AGAIN, I'M TEMPTED TO RETREAT FROM RELATIONSHIPSGod's **POWER** is given to those rooted in his **LOVE**.SO I'M NOT GONNA STOP... NOT GONNA STOP LOVING YOU NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, OR OTHERS  
NO MATTER HOW DARK THINGS LOOK OR HOW SCARY IT SEEMS

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